

## Don Reynolds Beautification Day History

The renaming of Millis Beautification Day to the Don Reynolds Beautification Day happened to place a memorial to one of the Millis Lions most beloved members. Don was a Millis Lion in the true sense of the word. Don lived the Lions logo, "We Serve" in giving back to our community in a way that best exemplifies the spirit of Millis Beautification Day. Prior to the event's founding in 2006, Don was the founder and head of the Lions Civic Beautification committee. The purpose of the committee was to find ways to enhance the look of our town. Don led his small group, and sometimes single handled projects making the downtown look better. He, together with the Millis Lions, worked with the town to purchase, and with Lions help, plant dozens of trees up and down Main St and around the town hall, now the Veterans Memorial Building. He sought, purchased, and installed the town clock. He set up the design for the front of the Veterans Memorial Building walkway and benches. Unfortunately, Don contracted breast cancer and though he fought gallantly it took his life in 2008. Through his illness Don continued the best he could to attend Lions meetings and he approved of the Garden Club and the Lions Club joining forces to establish a town wide clean-up. Unfortunately, Don could not attend the first two years of the event due to his deteriorating health.

In 2008, the Millis Lions, with the blessings of the Millis Garden Club honored Don and his accomplishments by re-naming the town clean-up event in his name.

Cancer robbed him of his life, but not his vision.